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TAGS: OVIP (GIBBONS, PREMIER DAVID), BD

SUBJECT: VISIT OF BERMUDIAN PREMIER AND MRS. GIBBONS TO
WASHINGTON

1. UNTIL RECEIPT OF REFTTEL, CONGEN WAS UNAWARE OF THE
GIBBONS' PLANNED TRIP TO THE WASHINGTON AREA. AS THE
PREMIER IS OFF THE ISLAND THIS WEEK, I HAVE RECEIVED
EXPLANATION FROM CABINET SECRETARY AND ATTY WILLIAM RAGAN,
BERMUDIAN LEGAL REP IN WASHINGTON ON BACKGROUND OF TRIP.

2. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF TRIP IS FOR GIBBONS TO ACCOMPANY
THEIR SON TO WILLIAMSBURG FOR INTERVIEW AT COLLEGE OF
WILLIAM & MARY. ENROUTE THEY EVIDENTLY PLANNED INFORMAL,
UNOFFICIAL SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF DC AREA. RAGAN SET WHEELS
IN MOTION FOR ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

A. MAY 14 - ARRIVE FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT EASTERN
FLIGHT 808 AT 1803. WILL BE MET BY
RAGAN CHAUFFEUR AND TAKEN TO MADISON
HOTEL. NO FIXED PLANS FOR THAT EVENING.

B. MAY 15 - 12:30 P.M. - RAGAN HAS ARRANGED FOR CLOSE
PERSONAL FRIEND AND CLIENT, SPEAKER OF
THE HOUSE O'NEIL TO HOST A LUNCHEON IN
PREMIER'S HONOR IN SPEAKER'S PRIVATE
DINING ROOM.

TENTATIVE GUEST LIST INCLUDES CONGRESSMEN JOSEPH P. ADDABBO,
TOM STEED, LOUIS STOKES, DAVID R. BOWEN, AL ULLMAN, THOMAS
S. FOLEY, JOHN BRADEMAS, JAMES C. WRIGHT, JR., DAN ROSTEN-
KOWSKI, MELVIN PRICE, RAGAN AND HIS LAW PARTNER FORMER
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CONGRESSMAN JAMES STANTON.

MRS. GIBBONS, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. RAGAN (VIRGINIA), WILL
SPEND THE DAY VISITING GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS.

19:30 - RAGANS ARE HOSTING A DINNER AT THEIR
POTOMAC, MARYLAND HOME. INVITED GUESTS
ARE SENATOR AND MRS. DANIEL INOUE,
SENATOR AND MRS. HENRY M. JACKSON AND

CONGRESSMAN DAVID BOWEN.

C. MAY 16 - NEITHER RAGAN NOR PREMIER'S OFFICE WERE
AWARE THAT MRS. GIBBONS WOULD BE CALLING
ON MRS. CARTER AS RAGAN HAD ONLY REQUESTED
A SPECIAL TOUR OF THE WHITE HOUSE. DEPT
IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DETAILS RE:
PRECISE SCHEDULE AND SCENARIO FOR VISIT.
IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR
SUGGESTIONS, MRS. GIBBONS WOULD APPRECIATE
HAVING THEM ASAP.

OTHER THAN FOREGOING, PREMIER AND MRS. GIBBONS HAVE NO
SPECIFIC PLANS FOR BALANCE OF VISIT AND HIS TIME IS
RELATIVELY FLEXIBLE UNTIL DEPARTURE FOR WILLIAMSBURG AT
NOON, MAY 18.

3. PREMIER WILL TELEPHONE EUR/NE FUNSETH THE MORNING OF
MAY 15TH. EUR/NE WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE HOW TO HANDLE THE
DEPT'S ROLE IN THE PREMIER'S VISIT. THIS ENTIRE SUR-
PRISING SCENARIO RATHER OVERTAKES AND DILUTES MY RE-
COMMENDATION IN SECTION 2-D OF US GOALS & OBJECTIVES STATE-
MENT (HAMILTON 218) WHICH ENVISIONED A MORE "OFFICIAL" VISIT
BY THE PREMIER IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IF BUREAU CONSIDERS RE-
COMMENDATION FOR FUTURE VISIT WORKABLE, DEPT MAY WISH TO
KEEP THE MAY VISIT INFORMAL AND LOW KEY. I HAVE APPOINTMENT
WITH PREMIER MORNING OF MAY 10. IF THERE IS ANYTHING SUB-
STANTIVE RELATED TO THE VISIT THAT DEVELOPS DURING THAT
DISCUSSION, I WILL REPORT FURTHER.
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